Compensation given by ONGC

2336. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURALGAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC compensate the farmers for acquiring their lands;

(b) if so, the norms fixed therefor;

(c) whether Government have received complaints regarding irregularities in providing compensations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of compensation paid by ONGC to farmers for acquiring land is arrived at by the Revenue Officer based on laid down parameters like quality/type of land and value of the crop (if any).

ONGC pays compensation based on above evaluation as notified by the Revenue Authorities.

The rates for the land acquired through mutual negotiations is also arrived at inconsultation with Revenue Officer.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

ONGC's Joint venture with Shell

2337. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC and Shell have inked a deal on overseas oil exploration projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of their joint ventures in India in petro-chemical sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) have reproted that they have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Shell Exploration

Company on 19.1.2006 for co-operation in various business opportunities in the hydrocarbon sector. The areas of cooperation identified therein are the following:

(i) Investigating specific exploration opportunities within India;

(ii) Joint participation in international upsteam ventures out of Shell and ONGC portfolios;

(iii) Improving production by using Improved Oil Recovery methods;

(iv) Extraction of C2-C3 from imported LNG, downstream of the Hazira facility;

(v) Evaluating the concept of jointly setting up surface coal gasification facilities in India using Shell's proprietary Coal Gasification Process;

(vi) Long term oil products supply arrangement with MRPL for a part of its demand in India;

(vii) Establishing the feasibility of setting up a joint venture bitumen business in India;

(viii) Evaluating joint business opportunities in the area of marine fuels and lubricants at select ports;

(ix) Evaluating joint business opportunities in view refinery and petrochemical projects, including, but not limited to, cooperation on product exports and potential Shell equity participation if Shell desires, in green-field refinery, new petrochemical plant and potential other facilities;

(x) Cooperation in areas of Health, Safety and Environment (GSE);

(xi) Evaluating joint business opportunities in the area of Coal Bed Methane applications in India;

(xii) Cooperation inrenewable energy sources, such as wind farms and potential Coal Gasification.

(c) At present, ONGC does not have any joint venture in the petrochemicals sector.